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Almost Two-Thirds Think Large Donations Get Better Results From Government

More than half say donations issue will have at least some influence on their vote

Toronto, - May 3rd – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1067 British Columbia voters, more than 6-in-10 (62%) believe that large donations from corporations, unions, or individuals gain those donors more favourable results from government decisions than non-donors.

(17%) say that donations provide neither more or less favourable results, and (5%) say donations actually provide less favourable results. (17%) say they don't know.

Respondents most likely to say that donors gain more favourable results include those aged 35-44 (68%), males (64%), the most wealthy (75%), with a college/university degree (71%), living in Vancouver/Lower Mainland (64%), and supporting the NDP (69%) or Green Party (68%).

Respondents most likely to say that donors gain neither more or less favourable results include those aged 65+ (23%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (24%), the least educated (19%) or with some college/university (19%), and supporting the Liberals (30%).

More than a quarter say it will have a large amount of influence

Just over a quarter (27%) of respondents say the political donations issue will have a large amount of influence on their vote. Almost a third (31%) say it will have some influence, and the same proportion (31%) say it will have no influence. (11%) say they don't know.

Respondents most likely to say that political donations will have a large influence on their vote include those aged 45-54 (33%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (33%), living on Vancouver Island (29%) or Vancouver/Lower Mainland (27%), and supporting the Green Party (43%).

Respondents most likely to say political donations will have some influence include those 34 and younger (35%), 35-44 (32%), and 55-64 (35%), females (34%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (37%), \$80,000-\$100,000 (39%), or the most wealthy (38%), with a post-graduate degree (38%), and supporting the Liberals (32%) or NDP (35%).

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Respondents most likely to say political donations will have no influence on their vote include those 65+ (42%), males (33%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (34%) or \$60,000-\$80,000 (32%), living on Vancouver Island (34%) or Interior North (34%), and supporting the Liberals (52%).

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1067 randomly selected British Columbia Voters. The poll was conducted April 28-29, 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Actual results will depend on the parties' ability to get their voters out. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Favourable Results

In your opinion, do large donations from corporations, unions, or individuals gain those donors more favourable results from government decisions than non-donors?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
More favourable	62	62	68	61	63	54	64	59
Neither more favourable nor less favourable	17	16	9	15	18	23	18	15
Less favourable	5	6	6	5	4	5	4	7
Don't know	17	16	18	18	14	18	13	20

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1067	114	187	154	114	124	198
More favourable	62	48	55	67	62	67	75
Neither more favourable nor less favourable	17	10	20	12	24	20	12
Less favourable	5	11	9	7	3	4	3
Don't know	17	31	15	15	11	10	9

Region

%	Total	Vancouver Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Interior North
Sample	1067	731	253	83
More favourable	62	64	60	52
Neither more favourable nor less favourable	17	16	18	17
Less favourable	5	4	6	11
Don't know	17	16	16	21



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Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1067	153	322	389	203
More favourable	62	43	57	71	65
Neither more favourable nor less favourable	17	19	19	15	15
Less favourable	5	9	5	5	4
Don't know	17	30	19	10	16

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Liberal	New Democratic	Conservative	Green	Another Party
Sample	1067	317	357	82	234	20
More favourable	62	52	69	48	68	70
Neither more favourable nor less favourable	17	30	14	14	10	7
Less favourable	5	5	4	8	7	5
Don't know	17	13	13	29	14	18



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Influence on Voting

How much influence will the issue of political donations in BC have on the way you will vote?

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1067	163	117	184	236	367	522	523
It will have a large amount of influence	27	23	28	33	27	25	30	24
It will have some influence	31	35	32	30	35	22	29	34
It will have no influence	31	29	27	27	29	42	33	29
Don't know	11	13	12	9	9	11	8	14

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It will have some influence	31	30	25	26	37	39	38
It will have no influence	31	30	34	25	32	30	29
Don't know	11	18	15	16	5	3	5

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It will have some influence	31	32	35	31	29	26
It will have no influence	31	52	21	32	22	38
Don't know	11	7	11	20	5	11



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